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Carol Hanlon
US Department of Energy
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Dear Carol Hanlon,

I want to go on record that I am opposed to the shipment of radioactive waste along railways and highways to the Yucca Mountain site. The shipments are not safe and in the unspeakable event of an accident in shipment there is a real danger of thousands of people being killed.

There are many reasons that I am opposed to these shipments. Transportation accidents do happen, on railways and highways. For example a recent rail accident in the Baltimore area resulted in a fire that reached at least 1,600 degrees. It is my understanding that the storage containers for the radioactive waste cannot withstand such extreme temperatures. It is unknown if the storage containers for the radioactive waste can withstand the extreme forces of any train derailment, such as the one we had less than 2 miles from my home in the suburban town of Webster Groves Missouri last May. Although the storage containers may have been tested, there is no way to simulate the unforeseen forces involved in such a derailment.

Shipments by rail and highway would be easy targets for attacks by terrorists. It would be impossible to safely guard such shipments over long distances. Train or truck shipments are essentially sitting ducks for terrorist attacks.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brad Neudecker

